

**First Sunday of Advent**  
November 29, 2020 10:00 am  
**The Service of the Word**

**Advent Litany** (*based on the Great O Antiphons*)

*Leader* O Wisdom, proceeding from the Most High, reaching from one end to another,  
mightily and sweetly ordering all things:

*All* **Come and teach us the way of understanding.**

O Adonai and Leader of the House of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning  
bush and on Mount Sinai gave the Law:

**Come to deliver us with your strong arm.**

O Root of Jesse, given as a sign for all peoples, in whose presence kings are silenced  
and before whom all nations will be judged:

**Come with the day of peace and do not delay.**

O Key of David, who opens and none can shut, leading us to life everlasting:

**Come and lead out those bound in chains.**

O Day Spring, the bright and morning star, the eternal light that enlightens all:

**Come and shine on those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.**

O King of the Nations, chosen and precious cornerstone, binding in one all peoples:

**Come quiet the strife that afflicts your children.**

O Emmanuel, the promise and the fulfillment of all promises:

**Come and bring among us the joy of your kingdom.**

Even so, Lord Jesus, quickly come. **Amen**

**Trisagion**

MARTY WHELLER BURNETT

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of  
light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in  
great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to  
judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who  
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
 so that the mountains would quake at your presence--  
 as when fire kindles brushwood  
 and the fire causes water to boil--  
 to make your name known to your adversaries,  
 so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
 you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
 From ages past no one has heard,  
 no ear has perceived,  
 no eye has seen any God besides you,  
 who works for those who wait for him.  
 You meet those who gladly do right,  
 those who remember you in your ways.  
 But you were angry, and we sinned;  
 because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
 We have all become like one who is unclean,  
 and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
 We all fade like a leaf,  
 and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
 There is no one who calls on your name,  
 or attempts to take hold of you;  
 for you have hidden your face from us,  
 and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.  
 Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;  
 we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
 we are all the work of your hand.  
 Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,  
 and do not remember iniquity forever.  
 Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18**     *Sung by John McGrath and Alison Siener Brown*

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
 shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
 stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, \*  
 how long will you be angered  
 despite the prayers of your people?

- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.** *read by Jim Howard* 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 56, *O come, O come, Emmanuel*

VENI, VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O come Em-man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,  
 O come, thou Branch of Jes - sie's tree, free them from Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny;  
 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our heaven - ly home;  
 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the hearts of all man - kind;  
 that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 that trust thy might - y power - to save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.  
 make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
 bid thou our sad di - vi - sions cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
 Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The Gospel

MARK 13:24-37

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering,  
 the sun will be darkened,  
 and the moon will not give its light,  
 and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
 and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

**The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic  
Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

**Offertory Anthem**

*Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659*

J. S. Bach

**The Prayers of the People** *from The Church of England: Common Worship* led by Laurie Gaulke

*Leader*

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid we pray to Jesus.

Come to your Church as Lord and judge.

We pray for these members of our parish: Liz & Ken Gorny; Jill & Tom Hackett, Leo, Lucas & Amy; Jane Hayden; Diane & Doug Heyl; Scott Horway & Jeanne Kaufhold, Christopher & Jonathan; Pat & Jim Howard, Katrina.

And for the faithfulness and renewal of All Saints' Church and our diocese.

Help us to live in the light of your coming  
and give us a longing for your kingdom.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to your world as King of the nations.

We pray for our country and our leaders in this time of transition.

Before you rulers will stand in silence.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to the suffering as Saviour and comforter.

We pray for all on our parish prayer list, especially Natalie Grossman; Steve Kowalik; Joyce Kulzer; Charlotte J; Pru Peterson; Beth Sciaino; Bonnie Stocker; Suzanne Traub; all those suffering with COVID-19 and those caring for them; are there others....?

Break into our lives,  
where we struggle with sickness and distress,  
and set us free to serve you for ever.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to us as shepherd and guardian of our souls.

We remember all who have died, including those we name...

Give us with all the faithful departed  
a share in your victory over evil and death.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come from heaven, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory.

Lift us up to meet you,  
that with all your saints and angels  
we may live and reign with you in your new creation.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Silence is kept.*

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay;  
give new courage to your people, who trust in your love.

By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom on earth as in heaven,  
where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **Confession of Sin and Absolution**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.  
Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Peace** *Please unmute on Zoom for the exchange of the Peace.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

### **The Advent Blessing**

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin.

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

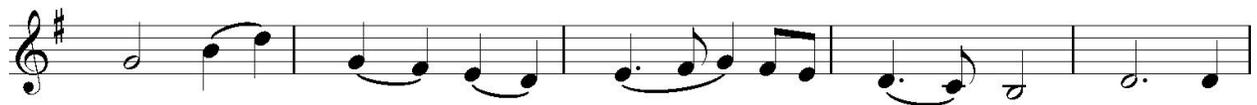
### **The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn 57, *Lo! he comes, with clouds descending*

HELMSLEY



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in  
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his  
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at  
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less  
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the  
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -  
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Helmsley*, melody Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.